

I M P O R T A N T
ELECTION NEWS LETTER

Office of the
President.

27 Green Street,
Guelph, Ont., Canada.
October 20th, 1945.

Fellow Member CHS:-

This is without a doubt the most important letter that I have sent out to the members, and I sincerely ask that you read and consider every word of it, and act promptly so that the forthcoming election will be handled in as short a time as possible, and with the least confusion.

During the past few weeks your Board of Directors has been considering and voting on four resolutions; as per copy attached. Please stop now and read them over carefully so that you will be able to follow this letter.

I am very happy to announce that the resolutions were voted on by the Directors, to the point where it could almost be called "unanimous" and this is indeed a good sign for the future of CHS. The only question that was raised by two Directors, was that one or two of these resolutions "were already on the books".

However, in this connection would say that CHS has gone a long way since it was a little family affair, and there were very few of the new members who ever heard of such rulings. We have broadened out considerably since then, and in order to let all members know just what was expected for the future, -- I decided long ago that these resolutions would be voted and passed on by the Board before my term of office expired - to avoid any misunderstanding at the end of the year. From the general comment received with the ballots and the gratifying results, I now know that I acted wisely and in accordance with their wishes, and I sincerely trust with yours too.

The tabulated result of the vote on these resolutions is as follows:

Note - 17 ballots were sent out; 1 to South American Director which has not been received (and would not affect the vote at all); and one Director (in an unorganized Division) did not return his. So there are 15 ballots to account for, as follows:-

	For	Against
Resolution No. 1	14	1
No. 2	15	nil
No. 3	15	nil
No. 4	15	nil
		<u>Total 15</u> ballots.

I wish to add my thanks and express the hope that the Directors of the future will continue to vote as promptly on all matters of CHS as your Board has done in this instance.

This is the first time that they as a body have expressed their opinions, and it is very gratifying to me to see that they agree so well. Many fine letters were returned with the ballots commending on the thought back of them. Only one letter picking some of them to pieces was received.

It is now the duty of the Directors to choose who will be the Editor of the Bandwagon and all CHS Official Publications for the forthcoming two years, and I expect to have this result ready to announce when the election of Officers is completed.

As you know - the present Officers' terms expire on December 31st next. As in the past, and at my special request CHS Bill Green - one of the old reliable charter members during my long term of office -- has again agreed to act as Election Commissioner, and it will be to him that the attached

nomination sheet will be completed, signed and returned. It is the wish of the writer and the Secretary that Bill handle the election completely. We do not wish to have any handling of the ballots or otherwise.

It is now my duty to call for nominations for the following officers- for the next two years:-

PRESIDENTVICE-PRESIDENTSECRETARYTREASURER

It is very important that you make a wise choice, and I feel it my duty, in view of several letters and requests along this line that I have received - to make whatever suggestions I can to help you make a wise choice for the future good of the Society. I cannot overlook the fact that the present Secretary and I have found that by living close together - we have been able to work so much better to your interests, and this is definitely one thing that should not be overlooked.

I am sorry to have to announce that Vice-President Burt L. Wilson cannot accept the nomination for President, or in fact any other office at this time, because of his business which keeps him away from home so much. Burt has assured me however, that as our "Travelling Ambassador of Good Will" - that he can do much more for CHS than holding any specified office, and I know that we all appreciate and understand this.

Also in this regard, I would like to make the suggestion that you nominate Walter J. Pietschmann as Treasurer for a further term. Walter has been the Keeper of the Cash ever since the start of CHS, and he does a good job, and is very prompt in all his work. I have therefore asked him to retain his office, and I sincerely trust that you will uphold me in this choice - by renominating him to that post - and please make the election a UNANIMOUS ONE for Walter. Let us show him that we appreciate his attention to his duty!

As for the Secretary - J.B. Lyon and myself - we wish it distinctly understood also that we are not to be nominated for any office and although both of us have received several requests from many of the members to reconsider our decision, we have come to the conclusion that there are now others who should have the honour of guiding CHS during the following years. I will make further comment in this connection in my final news letter later this year.

I know that many of our members wonder why it is that Bill Green does not accept some post too; but Bill is very busy as you all know with his printing business, hobbies, and Call of the Calliope, and his other numerous duties in the Work Shop, that he just cannot allow his name to go before the voters. This is to advise that Bill has asked me to make this request, and that you please do not nominate him to any post. In looking after this Election for us as he is doing, and his many other acts of co-operation during the year, Bill is one who does much "Boosting" but possibly some of you never hear of it.

Summing it up - the following are not to be nominated:- e.g.
J. B. Lyon, Burt L. Wilson, W.W. Green and W.W. Tyson.

It may not be amiss to offer some suggestion as to who should be nominated to the Post of President and also Secretary, for these are two very important offices and you must act wisely and think of the future of CHS.

I am sure that you have all noted the wonderful enthusiasm and the many fine things that the members in Division Two (New England) have been doing for months past. I do not depreciate the work of others but feel that they have really done somethings outstanding. Just to mention some of them - the Spudpile Gazette has come out regularly, and is indeed a credit to them; Parade Call was a masterpiece - and much interest aroused through its printing; they sponsored along with other fans and collectors the Big Gathering in Boston during the showing of the Big Show there; also

planned with others in the gathering at the Benson Wild Animal Farm of late -- and last but by no means the least -- the Exhibition which drew nationwide comment from the Press held at Hagerstown, Md., These, to only mention some of the major projects.

In view of all this - is it any wonder that I sincerely ask that the members of Division 2 be given the honours of having the PRESIDENT and SECRETARY elected from their numbers? I think not - and hope you will bear me out. I know that this is all for the good for the future of CHS - and you must understand me and accept my remarks in the same spirit when I say just that!

I therefore have no hesitation in view of many letters received by me, and because of the many fine things mentioned above in suggesting the following:

FOR PRESIDENT.....Maurice Allaire.

and

FOR SECRETARYJohn J. Crowley.

That you nominate and give these two members your full support.

Remember - I cannot tell you how to vote - but I can offer my suggestions to those of you who are not in contact with members as I am -and those of you who want my suggestion will make no mistake to follow the above. I trust therefore that you will support me in this request and see that both these members are elected to these offices.

As for Vice-President of course - there may be more scope here. The main thing to bear in mind is that undoubtedly the Vice-President you put in office now will be the next President in two years. Pick a member who will work with the President for that length of time, and then carry on to the interest of all when he is put into the President's Office.

As asked above - I sincerely trust that Walter J. Pietschmann will receive a UNANIMOUS VOTE for Treasurer.

Please note:- All Divisions should also hold their elections at this time, so that the incoming officers and Board of Directors can be announced after the election returns are in. Please therefore - and I am now speaking to the Directors and Division Drivers, see that your Secretary - advises your members accordingly, and that ballots be sent out.

So far as I can see - there is no reason why these present Directors could not remain about as at present, but that is up to you on the ground to decide. I feel also that those Directors appointed by me in unorganized Divisions should remain in office until such time as organization in their Division takes place. I am sure that the incoming President will agree on this point too.

Now - let's look to the future, make a wise choice in all cases and select the man best suited for the responsibilities of office. Any that I have mentioned in this letter - are, I am sure, amply able and prepared to carry out the work to your satisfaction. By so doing I feel that you will make no mistake and that the future of CHS will be safe and secure.

Remember - please send the nomination ballot attached to this letter direct to:

W. W. Green Jr.,
312 North C., Street,
Washington, Kansas, U.S.A.

and not to the writer of this letter.

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In closing, let me say again that you mark and return the ballot promptly, and later when Bill Green sends you the OFFICIAL BALLOT for the election - give Bill the same co-operation that I expect you to give me now.

Yours for a speedy and possibly an unanimous election, and let us show that we can put into office those who will take care of CHS interests for the future.

I sincerely thank you all - and ask your prompt attention to the matters as covered in this letter. Later - I will send out a final News Letter, summing up the course of CHS since my taking office, and covering on certain recommendations for the future officers to consider.

Sincerely,

Walter W. Tyson,

President CHS.

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Resolution No. 1

"I would recommend that CHS Directors pass a resolution as follows:

"That in view of the fact that CHS now has a Membership Certificate, That, commencing January 1st, 1946, joining members henceforth pay 25¢ additional to cover a copy of the said Membership certificate e.g. Junior Members to pay \$1.25 and Adult members to pay \$2.25 - when sending in the application blank. After the first year - present rate of dues e.g. \$1.00 for Junior and \$2.00 for Adult members to prevail."

Walter W. Tyson
Director CHS

Resolution No. 2

"I would like to ask that a resolution be passed by the Directors of CHS as follows:

"That an Editor be appointed by the Directors of CHS for a two year period, his duties to commence January 1st, 1946, to publish the BAND WAGON, our official publication, and all other CHS literature, with the understanding that the (Incoming) President and Secretary should pass on and O.K. all material before publication."

Bette Leonard,
Director Div. 6, CHS 5.

Resolution No. 3

"I would sincerely recommend that the Directors of CHS pass the following: "That any members of the Armed Services who at this date may be delinquent in their CHS dues - be brought up to date by the Secretary and Treasurer on our records - without further payment. That is - any balance owing by them will not be collected. Such members will commence payment of dues when discharged from such services, and when they again begin life as civilians."

Walter W. Tyson,
Director CHS.

Resolution No. 4

"I have a plan which I would like to have considered and voted on by the Directors of CHS - "I would like to suggest that each slate of elected officers be automatically named Directors for a term of two years immediately following the expiration of their term of office. I believe that any officers of CHS would be a steadying influence on those who follow, and would like to see this custom of having each slate of elected officers be Directors, for the term of two years, after which the officers for that time would be in their turn, Directors for the next two years, with, each Directorship expiring at the end of the two year term following the change of officers.

"One reason I am suggesting this is that it would give the officers of any period a chance to vote on, as Directors, anything which may turn up, and which might have a bearing on things which had been started during their term of office, which would have expired. I think a great deal of merit would be had in this. It would work out in the following manner.

"Say that there is a complete change of officers at the end of this year, at our Election, then Walter Tyson, Burt Wilson, Jack Lyon and Walter Pietschmann would then be directors for the next two years. At that time they would then cease to be directors, and the slate of officers immediately following them would then become Directors, providing there had been a change of officers again.

"I sincerely hope this is self-explanatory and that it will be brought up for consideration. Our Society is becoming so large now in membership, that we must look forward and try to safeguard the best interests of CHS".

Maurice J. Allaire,
Director No. 1 of Div. 2. CHS.